

Motor vehicles components – National Museum of Australia – EOI for gift or transfer																	
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Record number	Object type	Object title	Collection name	Origin	Physical description	Image		Collection description	Hazard?	Condition	Condition details	H mm	W mm	D mm	L mm	W kg	
301436	Trucks	AEC Matador converted tow truck body and parts	Department of the Capital Territory collection	Canberra and Victoria, Australia	AEC Matador tow truck recovery body. A broad maroon stripe is around the cab and then another thin white stripe. The remainder of the cab and the tray sides are painted grey. The front windscreen is two-piece, and there are three small windows in a row across the top of the back of the cab, which has a flashing warning light mounted on top of it. Heavy-duty towing lugs are attached to the chassis at the back of the vehicle. Many mechanical components disassembled from the tow-truck are included in the disposal (not listed).			This AEC Matador was one of the tow wagons/recovery tractors used by the Department of the Interior for recovery of government vehicles in the Canberra region, post Second World War. It is a British made 4x4 artillery tractor used by British and Commonwealth forces then converted for civilian use. This vehicle recovered large Commonwealth owned trucks, such as a furniture van from Benalla and had a top speed of 28 mph (approximately 45 kph). It was transferred from the Department of the Capital Territory in 1977.	No	b) fair - slight damage & minimal risk of further damage during normal use		3470	2570		6600		
281342	Motor car engine components	AEC Matador converted tow truck gearbox and part	Department of the Capital Territory collection	Canberra and Victoria, Australia	AEC Matador converted tow truck gearbox, serial number D143HX53215 & vehicle part.			This AEC Matador was one of the tow wagons/recovery tractors used by the Department of the Interior for recovery of government vehicles in the Canberra region, post Second World War. It is a British made 4x4 artillery tractor used by British and Commonwealth forces then converted for civilian use. This vehicle recovered large Commonwealth owned trucks, such as a furniture van from Benalla and had a top speed of 28 mph (approximately 45 kph). It was transferred from the Department of the Capital Territory in 1977.	Yes - asbestos friable	c) poor - damaged with likely risk of further damage during normal use due to existing damage or impaired	Hazard present - currently double wrapped in 200um plastic.	660	1000		1100		
281344	Wheels	Commercial truck wheel and tyre	Department of the Capital Territory collection	Canberra and Victoria, Australia	AEC Matador converted tow truck wheel with a Milemaster tyre, serial no. 9.00 20.			This AEC Matador was one of the tow wagons/recovery tractors used by the Department of the Interior for recovery of government vehicles in the Canberra region, post Second World War. It is a British made 4x4 artillery tractor used by British and Commonwealth forces then converted for civilian use. This vehicle recovered large Commonwealth owned trucks, such as a furniture van from Benalla and had a top speed of 28 mph (approximately 45 kph). It was transferred from the Department of the Capital Territory in 1977.	No	b) fair - slight damage & minimal risk of further damage during normal use		260					
281345 297881	Trucks	AEC Matador radiator grill and parts	Department of the Capital Territory collection	Canberra and Victoria, Australia	AEC Matador converted tow truck radiator grill and vehicle parts; a collection of various bolts, nuts, washers, a padlock, a hazard reflector, and a spring.			This AEC Matador was one of the tow wagons/recovery tractors used by the Department of the Interior for recovery of government vehicles in the Canberra region, post Second World War. It is a British made 4x4 artillery tractor used by British and Commonwealth forces then converted for civilian use. This vehicle recovered large Commonwealth owned trucks, such as a furniture van from Benalla and had a top speed of 28 mph (approximately 45 kph). It was transferred from the Department of the Capital Territory in 1977.	Possible	b) fair - slight damage & minimal risk of further damage during normal use		280	850		1040		
281377	Engines	AEC Matador tow truck engine.	Department of the Capital Territory collection	Canberra and Victoria, Australia	AEC Matador converted tow truck engine A-173BF, serial no. 13695.			This AEC Matador was one of the tow wagons/recovery tractors used by the Department of the Interior for recovery of government vehicles in the Canberra region, post Second World War. It is a British made 4x4 artillery tractor used by British and Commonwealth forces then converted for civilian use. This vehicle recovered large Commonwealth owned trucks, such as a furniture van from Benalla and had a top speed of 28 mph (approximately 45 kph). It was transferred from the Department of the Capital Territory in 1977.	Yes - asbestos friable	c) poor - damaged with likely risk of further damage during normal use due to existing damage or impaired function	Chrysotile asbestos was detected in 3 of 8 samples collected from the Matador vehicle engine. Due to the presence of asbestos containing gaskets, all non-rubber or metal gaskets to joints on the item must be treated as asbestos unless individual testing proves otherwise. This includes materials that are not accessible without dissembling the item. The item is currently wrapped in 200um plastic.	1100		950	1300		
37926	Steam engines	Gardner-Serpollet four-cylinder steam automotive engine	Messrs FE, MW & SU Baldwin collection	Sydney, Castle Hill, Rooty Hill, NSW	Gardner-Serpollet four-cylinder steam automotive engine.			This collection was acquired from an engineering company in Sydney NSW, that expanded into metal fabrication following the Second World War. No provenance or significance on the use of this object is recorded.	Yes - asbestos - friable - treated.	b) fair - slight damage & minimal risk of further damage during normal use	Chrysotile asbestos was detected in the rope gasket from one sample out of three in 2023. In December 2023, PVA was applied to seal the exposed ASM. Treatment to be checked at regular intervals.						
165004	Motor vehicle engines	Clarkson V-twin bus engine	Messrs FE, MW & SU Baldwin collection	Sydney, Castle Hill, Rooty Hill, NSW	Clarkson V-twin bus engine.			This collection was acquired from an engineering company in Sydney NSW that expanded into metal fabrication following the Second World War. This engine was used in a bus that ran from Lidcombe station to the Meatworks at Homebush in the 1920s. The bus was not acquired by the National Museum.	Yes - asbestos friable	c) poor - damaged with likely risk of further damage during normal use due to existing damage or impaired function	Chrysotile asbestos detected in all 5 samples collected in 2025. Due to presence of asbestos-containing gaskets, all non-rubber or metal gaskets to joints must be treated as asbestos unless individual testing proves otherwise. This includes materials not accessible without disassembly. Object is wrapped in plastic, with warning label. Due to the presence of loose friable asbestos, controls must be implemented while accessing the item until the asbestos has been removed or encapsulated and all surfaces cleaned.						